THE CIVIL SERVICE.

SKETCHES OF DEPARTMENT OF FICERS. .

V.—Hon. Joseph R. McCammon, Assist-ant Attorney General of the United

Mtates. Of all the nations or peoples who have con tributed to the giory of the new world probably home have more reason to be proud of their children in the United States than the Scotch. Men have devoted reams of toper and much good ink to the laboriou construction of theories by which to account for the pre-minence gained by tudividuals balling from a certain locality until that locality becomes famous for nen, its divines, its literary men, inventors. soldiers, or what not—and the latest essay of the sort that we can call to mind was that of the President-elect, Mr. Garfield, who wrestled with the problem, why should Ohio folks hold so many offices? Ull be became involved in the doubtful gloom in which other people have come to look upon the question. But nobody has ever succeeded in satisfying any one else than shot of ground should become famous for the produc-tion of remarkable mon. So that we shall not stop to son why, ' but content ourselves with calling attention to the fact that a very large proportion of our abler men are of Scottish descent, and incident-ally, that of this proportion the majority are of

We remember, as we speak of this, that one we heard Senator Beck, as he fondly stirred and inhaled the aroma of a ; we regret to say). Hot Sectch, tell with evident relish the story of the Englishman who taunted the Senator's countryman with the remark that "In England we feed our horses on that which in Scotlan you are compelled to subsist your men upon," mean-ing oats; and who was stienced by the reply that the circumstance doubtless accounted for the fact that in England were found the best horses and in Scotland

the finest men in the world!

Mr. McCammon has reason to be proud not only that he is of Scotlish descent, but also that his ances tors were sturdy patriots in the Revolutionary period He was born in Philadelphia on the 13th day of Octo-ber, 1815, and is therefore thirty-five years old. His education was the best that the solid schools of Philadelphia could afford, and was completed at Princeto College, New Jersey, where he graduated in 1805. No one who knows him cwll doubts that he was born to the law and immediately be left college heentered o its study, and was admitted to the bar in Philadelphis in 1808, after a full three years' course. 1869 he was a cambidate for the Legislature to repr sent the district to which he was born, but although he ran more than two hundred votes ahead of his ticket he was defeated—whereby Pennsylvania lost doubtless an able politician, while the country gained an abler lawyer, who, it is moderate to predict, will yet win and wear the chiefest honors of his profession, and render services of the greatest value to the nation. In 1870 Mr. McCammon was appointed Register in Hankruptcy in Philadelphia, which position he held till October, 1871, when he was appointed special counsel for the Government before the Court of Claims. Here his fine legal talents found wide exercise. He had especially in charge all suits in which the Pacific and other land-grant railways were parties on the one hand and the Government was interested on the other, before both the Court of Claims and the United States Supreme Court. The legal fraternity will readily recognize the nature of the services he performed while engaged in this capacity when it is said that in all important railroad cases from

Mr. McCammon in conjunction with Maj. Lock wood and Maj. Brasiley upon the board to investi gate the conduct of the Burgan of Indian Affairs, apted by Secretary Schurz in 1877; and nothin by that board. The investigation was continued for seven months. Mr. McCammon was president of the board and took his full share of the onerous duties which were devolved upon them, and it is doubtless training that the facts were so satisfactorily arrived at, and that they and their bearing upon the questions in hand were so clearly and unmistakably crystalled in the admirable report made by the board.

While Mr. McCammon has filled important post-ions where musual skill and ability were required in a more than satisfactory manner, he has never been testrability of his selection for responsible duties has been neknowledged on all hands. In March, 1890, Gen. Paine, Commissioner of Patents, tendered his resignation with a view to retiring to his private showed, was in every respect fitted for the ltion—one who would reflect credit upon the office, torable and responsible as it was. And the manner which letters of recommendation in his behalf to pour in upon the President and the Secretary of the honest or ide to one whose zeal and fidelity to the clearly indicated him to the minds of the public generally as deserving of further honors and worth f increased responsibility. Without suggestion of dicitation of any sort from either Mr. McCammo Claims united in urging his appointment, as did also nearly every judge on the bench in Philadelphia, among whom may be mentioned as conspicuous for the emphatic terms in which he commended Mr McCammon for his able reports and decisions while he was Register in Bankraptcy at the early ago of twenty-five, United States District Judge Cadwalader, whose fame as a jurist and a high-minded man wil live in the history of the great Commonwealth which sons. Not less flattering was the unsolicited indorse General Devens to the Judiciary Committee of the Senate asking prompt action upon Mr. McCan mon' subsequent nomination to be Assistant Attorney General, and stating that he had urged his appoint ment upon the President in the strongest term which he specified the preparation of briefs and arguments for use before the Supreme Court and respect most thorough and valuable. Besides the from Pennsylvania in Congress, couched in such terms as clearly showed the high esteem in which distinguished Philadelphia lawyer, Mr. Renjamin Mr. John H. Bicketson, of Pittsburg, and many others equally prominent. That in this day of persistent personal application for the use of influence to secure appointments of all sorts, the fact that thes

who received them thoroughly deserved them. Whether Providence or the President over the desire of his friends, we cannot but think that i was wisely done, when, instead of being made Com nisssioner of Patents, Mr. McCammon was appointed ast April to be Assistant Attorney General and as signed to the interior Department. The range of legal business coming before him in his present posi-tion, comprising, as it does, multiminous questions of law and appeals coming up from the General Land Pensions, the Patent Office, the Bureau of Railrow Accounts, and all the other branches of the Depart-ment of the Interior, will certainly give full play to the powers of the mind aircady well disciplined in the

solicitation, speaks volumes in testimony that the may

not a politician, while we do not desire to be under-stood as intimating that be is backing in the proper interest which every patriotic ciffice ought to have in political affairs. He simply has not resorted to politics to forward his personal amourtons. He became a member of the Union League (into in Philidelphia in 1865 was for some time vice president of the Republican Invincibles, and hold a inembership in other of the more regulable politican successions in his nullvestry. He has also been actively identified with the National Guard of his State, was a member of the Artillery Corps of the Washington Grays, of Philadelphia, etc. Mr. McCammon has reached at thirty-five a postmight well be proud. He has all the advantages

BUREAU GOSSIP

Mr. G. W. Evans, of the Interior Depart ment, has been enjoying a ten days' vacation, will expire to-morrow.

Mr. W. B. Thompson, general superin-tendent of the Railway Mail Survice, arrived in the city last week from an extensive Southern trip in the attenst of the service.

A fillitation of changes to the Patent Omce are expected to take place to morrow. The entire of rical force will be consolidated into three divisions, to be designated as follows: Patent Office Garatte, to charge of Mr. 3f. W. Ealson: draughtsamen, in charge of Mr. 3f. Gardner, and the third is to be made up of the assignment, copying, and order for copies divisions—the laster to be moved up into the new model room. The based of this division is not known. The cause of those changes is said to be the leading article of these changes is said to be the leading article of a new system in the Department.

Sig: In your last issue you charge Mr.

Thampson with going about among business men, begging them to withdraw their ads from fig. iterative. I did not think it possible then, supposing there was some mistake in statement, but aid doubt is now removed. Mr. Thompson is peddling his little spite among some of your patrons. It is very, very small business for so great 1% a man as he claims to be. Keep the facts before your readers for the next six months. But it into every colamn—pash it among the ads. The public will be sure to condemn such small business. But it is only right to bit such small business. But it is only right to bit such small in mr in their tenderest part. Follow up the hint in the Stor, and force his company to toe fileir charter—keep the crossings clean or pay the penalty. This is legitimate, legal, and for public comfort and protection. I have no feeling against the company specially, but I am heartily in sympathy with your significant such blackmail as Thompson reserts to. All decent men will condemn it, and will rejoice to see his company compelled to de their duty and at the same time give suppleyment to many poor men, how unfortunately out of employment. Lay on Macdud. "sic. Yours.

St. Louis News Items.

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St. Louis, Jan. 1.—Charles Hamilton has been appointed General Superintendent of the Cairo and St. Louis Hallroad, vice L. M. Johnson, resigned.

Two large grading parties started from Dallas, Texas, this morning to work on the Missouri Pacific extension southwest from Fort Worth.

D. W. Bushykaed, principal chief of the Cherokee Indian Nation, and P. N. Blackstone and George Sanders delegates of the tribe, leave here to highly for Washington, where they will watch the interests of their people during the session of Congress.

Gray slik stockings embroidered in colars for the house, light time for receptions, and red stock The Ponca Indian delegation, who have seen visiting the Interior Department during the past two weeks, left last Thursday mounting for their homes in the had an Torritory. Pefore leaving each one of them was given fifteen dollars as a direct gift from the Indian Bureau, to enable them to purchase anything they wanted on their homeward journey. They held their final interview with Secretary Schurr on Monday fast, and signed a paper declaring that they devired to remain on the laind they now occupy in the Indian Territory, and to relinquish all right and interest in the lands formerly owned by them in Nebraska and Dakota Territory. They asked as compensation for depredations of the Schurs Indians, §145,000, the same and sucked for by the Interior Department two years

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ago. Mr. William Stickney, a member of the Ponca Commission, left last Friday to meet Gens. George Crook and Nelson A. Miles and Mr. Walter Allen, the other members of the commission, at Kansas City. Mo., which place will be their headquarters. Their first meeting will be held Monday, January 3. It is expected that the delegation above referred to will be presont.

Mr. A. B. Bibb, topographer of the Life Saving Service, is in the city for the holidays.

Division, Treasury Department, has be on second-class clerkship.

Mr. Frederick Grimm, of the Appointment

Mr. Alex, Somervell, of the Money Order

Dr. Harry Crook, of the Loan Branch

First Lient, C. F. Shoemaker, U. S. R. M.

ivision, Secretary's Office, Treasury Department, most excellent clerk, has meritoriously received a comotion from a second to a third-class cierkship.

Mr. Henry M. LeDuc, of the Post Office

Mr. L. E. Gridley, a popular young clerk

of the Register's Office, Treasury Department, was made happy and proud on New Year's day by his wife presenting him with a daughter. He has already re-vived many congratulations and the returns are still combine in.

Dr. Harry Cook, of the Loan Division,

bit. Harry cook, of the Loan Dryston, Secretary's Office, Treasury Department, has taken his final leave of the boys in the office preparatory to devoting himself entirely to his rapidly-growing practice. Doc, is a splendid fellow, and leaves with the best wishes of every one who ever had occasion to know his happy disposition and his pleasant face.

The following promotions in the Post Office

Department are noted for the past week: W. B. Cooley, of Tennsylvania, from third to fourth-class clerkship, in place of Emil Arctander, deceased; Alex. Somerville, from second to third class, vice Cooley, promotest: C. M. Long, from first to second class, vice Somerville, and W. D. Ruddy, promoted to first class, vice Long.

While Judge French, Assistant Secretary

of the Treasury, was en route from Charleston to Savannah, the becomotive was thrown from the track

Saramah, the hecomotive was thrown from the track in crossing a bridge. The engineer had his leg broken, the hecomotive was thrown into the water, and the engineer, being unable to estricate himself, a gentleman traveling companion of the Judge held the man's head above water for half an hour or until he could be got out. The Judge gave one of his garments to dress the crippled engineer. The accident occurred some five miles from any station, and the train was detained five hours Christmas day. Not a very merry Christmas for the passengers.

Col. Blank, of the Secretary's Office, Trea-

mry Department, has returned from his holiday visit

Eleanor Carey is to play Diane in "The

Square Theatra.

The Boston Gazette says: "Bernhardt received no attention here at all from ladies. One or two young men were mashed with her, but otherwise her Boston experience did not count for much.

Mrs. Zelda Harrison-Segnin Wallace has

wisely quarreled with and quit the Wetherell-Abbott alloged opera troupe. Zelda has always been the chief attraction of the concern, and her real friends have believed it was not her interest to stay in such com-

Christmas number will be a new recitation poem specially written for the Post, by Frank Gassaway, author of "The Dandy Fifth." "The Showman's Story," "Tay Bully," "The Promise," etc., and entitled "The Sharpshooter's Mise," and for which a larger sum has been paid than for any poem ever written on the Pacific coast.—S. F. Post.

to the Editor of The Sunday Breaks :

to Philadelphia, and while absent he met with a sin-

WASHINGTON, SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 2, 1881.

A successful entertainment, under the

management of the Misses Graves and Nimmo, was given by the pupils of the Bethany Chapel Free Kin-dergarten, corner of Thirteenth street and Ohio ave-nue, on Wednesday evening. The Christmas trees,

he Navy, will regret to learn of his sudden death. even the morning of the 1st he showed interest in the

'nesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. A large number

guest of her sister, Mrs. Thomas Wilson, and will pass a portion of the season in the latter's new home on Connecticut avenue, which is a marvel of taste and

sistant Adjutant General, assisted by her daughter, Miss Heleu, who arrived here on Thursday, received yesterday at their residence, No. 1505 H street north-west.

west.

The engagement of Lieut, Edward E. Gayle,
Second Artillery, to Miss Ayres, daughter of Gen. R.
B. Ayres, of the Army, is announced. The wolding
will probably take place at Fort McHenry.

Mr. Samuel J. Downs was married last

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Bolivar Camacho, the

Mrs, and the Misses Chubb, of G street, had mirs, and the misses Chubb, of G street, had with them at their reception yesterday Miss Whiting. Miss Johnson, daughter of Capt. A. W. Johnson, of the Navy, and others.

The marriage of Miss Lulah Dowell, of this city, to Dr. C. M. Gingrich, of Leesburg, Va., will occur on Tuesday next at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Wadsworth, of Vermont avenue was assisted in receiving yesterday by her pretty daughter and the beautiful Miss Anthe Williams, of George-town, and other tailes.

Mrs. Whiting, nee Bessie Welsh, of Buf-talo, wife of Second Lieut, Herry Whiting, of the Marine Corps, received at the Marine Barracks in this rity.

Mrs. Bancroft will hold her receptions on

The wife of Paymaster George A. Deering,

the Navy, presented him with a Xmas present of a cleven-pound boy baby.

Miss Zele Miner, of St. Louis, is visiting

Miss Lilian Carpenter, daughter of Senator

datt Carpenter, is said to possess the fine-f amateu oprano voice in the city.

Miss Annie Russell, daughter of Hon. Wil-

The Misses Beach, of Alexandria, are vis-

Miss Nora Sneed, a charming brunette, a sted Mrs. Riley, at No. 1015 G street northwest, it

ceiving yesterday.

The Misses Kennedy, of Capitol Hill, have

Mrs. Bragden, of Leesburg, Va., is in Washington for the winter, at Mrs. Southail's, on Vermout avenue.

Miss Kate B. Entwisle, of Fails Church

Miss Turner, who has been at Swarthmore

Miss Annie Almy, daughter of Admiral

Mrs. William Kennard, from Philadelphia, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Dr. Foster, on Bhode Island atenue.

Miss Katie Lay, of Chicago, is visiting Miss

Mondays this year, which day has been nany other West End ladies this winter.

How New York is Becoming a City of Faubourgs—The Growth of Aristoc-racy in a Democratic Country—How "Upper Broadway" Differs from the

OLIVE LOGAN.

"Lower" in Glory.
NEW YORK, Dec. 20. By slow degrees, by more and more, New York, like Paris, is becoming a city of Paubourgs. We have the aristocratic quarters—The Paubourg St. these sections begins and the other finishes. Whether our present form of government will endure or not, no one can tell: but this is positive—that America, Mr. Noah, of the office of the inspector of ife-saving stations, New York city, is in the city on brief visit to his father, Judge Noah, of the War aristocratic to-day than she was when she had just thrown off the yoke of the Georges. The popular idea of the New York society, outside of it, is that any one can force an entrance to it who has money. Never was there a greater error McShoddy, of Petroleum Cross Roads, can come here, take a fine ouse, furnish it with upholsterer's splender, drive of the various theatres and other places of amus ment in New York. Having no social importan whatever, they are forced to patronize public ente and it is they who take boxes, and pay from \$12 to \$25 to parade themselves prominently in view of the opera-glasses of the paramets and dress-circles, by which they think they are envied. Well, a small Department, sustained a sad loss last week in the death of his young child. Raiph, aged six years. This is the second death in his family within the last three weeks.

ity, if your eye be observant, you will quickly tures. About the fringes of the city—lis old and cheap quarters in the vicinity of the ferries—the vul-garity of the dwellers and loungers is simply the val-garity of poverty, of inter lowness, of unmittigated stomachs of impecunious luminity, which are a bun-gering for something cheap and palatable, which do not know or care whether the rabbit-stew is made of

smy bepartment, has returned from his honory visit to Philadelphia, and while absent he met with a singular adventure, which is almost to good a joke on him to keep. It appears that on his return he stopped over a night in Baltimore, and the next morning he got up very early to catch the first train for Washington. As is his habit, he always travels well equipped for any emergency: so on this occasion he availed himself of some three overcoats he had with him by putting them all on, as the morning was bitter cold. He hadn't got over half a square from the bouse when he was suddenly surprised by a policeman approaching and accosting him with: "Say, see here, where did you git all those coats from? I guess I'll have to run tou in." This reflection on the Chesterfieldian Colonel that he had been ''interviewing.' a neighboring hat-rack was anything but pleasant. He made the best of it, however, and argued the case with the cridently half-frozen guardian of the peace, who was apparently eager to run anybody in on the slightest pretext, that he himself could get warm. The Colonel explained that he was ''merely on passent in the city, and was then en route to his home in Washington.'' Mr. "Cop" seemed incredialous, but when the Colonel ''ran him in 'the slic cutraine of a near bar-room and fired him up with two or three hot scotches, he thought the Colonel was a regular Santa Claus in diegoise. But the Colonel barely caught the train.

Avenue Hotel. From Fiftieth street to much beyond the Park the people one meets are as different as possible from the lower crowd. The men look like swelts from Piccadilly and Bond street, with their white overcoats, their well made trowsers, their ever glasses, their sik hats, their patent leather boots with pointed foes.

The ladies are on the Princess of Wales model, with neat serge suits, tidy cloth Jackets, mannish ulsters, sound walking boots, and stug hats, the honest faces which beam beneath them being undefilled by paint, for these checks are rosy with healtiful exercise daily performed as a hyglenic duty. Mrs. Slasker, from Third avenue, slings a two-hundred-dollar Worth costume on her shopping expeditions in Broadway, Mrs. Yan Dyke Von Kill von Kull is met in Seventy-second street in a thirty-dollar serge. The latter is good form: the former is simply shocking to the sethetic taste.

Speaking of dress reminds me of an exhibition of faded filtery which is now taking place in an anctioneer's show-rooms in Broadway. An executor's sale of the street of Meschavitz & Bussell has throws one of the street for mechanical such those of the street of Meschavitz & Bussell has throws one

seeleval I was not her laterest to stay in such company.

Among the special attractions of our great. Aftermas number will be a new recitation poon specially written for the Post. by Trank Gassaway. Story, "" "July July," " "The Premise," etc., and outlied "The Sharpshoster's Miss," and for which a larger sum has been paid that for any poen ever habout the stage of the later of the Post. by Trank Gassaway. An executior's soles, the later of the Post. by Trank Gassaway. An executior's soles that has been said about the About kiss, Miss Funna About has confided to St. Louis reporter that it is a "cold, dim, pale plantmom-installation for your production of the Canadian of the Can

ner. Some people are pretending that Bernhardt is frendfully cut up because the leaders of New York octory have not nobambbed with her. That's gamnon. Sara is here to unke money—only that and nothing more, and is only too glad to be left undisturbed by callers during her off-duty hours.—Office Logan to San Francisco Call.

A Wonderful Swallower.

George Wilson, more familiarly known as the "frog man," died in Strafford a few days ago. Last July he caught a frog and swallowed it alive. This was in the forencon, and in the afternoon he complained of a severe pain in the stomach. He was sick several weeks under the care of a physiciau, and got better. The first of last month he came back to Strafford, but had worked but a few days, when he was taken sick with inflammation of the stomach and bowels. There is no doubt but what his death resulted from the swallowing of that frog. Wilson seemed to have a mania for swallowing living things on one occasion he caught a greet snake more than a feet long, and swallowed it alive. At another time he caught a black make about five feet long, cut it open, took out its heart, and swallowed it while puisating. At the time he swallowed trong the first time he washowed it, his frogship, not liking his quarters, turned around and came back. If was not until the second of third time he swallowed it that he succeeded in imprisoning him in his stomach.—

Bover Busseruf.

SOCIETY CHAT.

The marriage of Miss Ida M. De Land aughter of Mr. F. S. De Land, of the Third Auditon Wednesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, at the E street Baptist Church. In spite of the very inclement weather, by 7:15 o'clock the church was well filled with friends of the contracting parties. Miss Nellie De Land, sister to the bride, acted as bridesmaid, with Dr. A. H. Gionnan as groomsman. The ushers were Messrs, Charles F. Drexel, Dr. Carroll, W. E. Kiskadden, and F. G. Maguire. The Rev. A. F. Mason performed the ceremony, during the course of which he gave a very beautiful instory of the origin and the symbolic meaning of the wedding-ring. Mr. J. C. Nimmo officiated at the organ in his usual brilliant style. The bride was attired in a handsome white saint dress, with the conventional long white veil. The dress was draped with smilax and likes of the valley. The bridesmalt's dress was of white saint, trimmed with Culair lace, and draped with white flowers and smilax. After the carwinging the party were driven to the house of the bride's father, where a pleasant reception was held. A large circle of friends then accompanied the happy comple to the Baltimore and Potomac depot, where they took the 10-70 train for the North. The presents were numerous and costly, among them being a complete silver tea service, a handsome writing-desk, etc. De Land, sister to the bride, acted as bridesmald,

The San Francisco Coll of Dec. 14 has the Arizona, with his son and alde-de-camp, Lient. E Josephine Kelton, of this city, took place on Westnesday last, Rev. Dr. Scott performing the coremony. The bridal presents were numerous and elegant. The weidling being private, there were only a few of the most intunate triends of the family present. Mr. Harvey left for Panisha to join the United States man-of-war Wachnestt yasterbay. The U. S. S. Peinscrola being under orders to leave this port, the officers, who have been the general favorities of so-city here, were tendered numerous leave-taking parties by their friends, who seemed auxious to appropriately speed the parting guests. Among the most pleasant of these affairs was the reception given by Mrs. Col. Stevenson, on Wednesday evening last,

The engagement is announced of Mr. John lenry Coppenhagen, of Boston, and Miss Lon-Belle Henry Coppenhagen, of Hoston, and Miss Lou-Belle Embry, of this city, daughter of ex-Judge Embry who, after his retirement from the bench, became the law partner of the late Reverdy Johnson. The young lady is a blonde beauty of twenty-one years, and is a great favorite in society. The marriage will take place in April, and in May the bridal pair will go to Europe for six months. On their return they will take up their residence in New York. Miss Embry is at present residing with her mother at the Aberdeen, in New York, where she is daily receiving the congratulations of her friends and these of Mr. Coppenhagen.

iven by the daughters of Mrs. M. J. Wiard, at their esidence, on Thirteenth street, for the benefit of the residence, on Thirteenth street, for the benefit of the orphans. The little ones had the full management of the whole affair, and through their efforts alone the net receipts reached §15 in three hours, during which time the fair lasted. This kind of enterprise might be imitated to an advantage by many of our society belies who pass hours in inlieness. Fancy articles might be made by inhole fingers, collected together, and every month a fair given at the residence of some one of these fair ones, the beaux invited, and thus, while adding to their own enjoyment, make many a heart light that would be other wise sad, through their kindness and charity.

Col. Albert Ordway's little daughter,

Wednesday evening at the residence of Dr. Custis, on East Capitol street, between SixIII and Seventh streets. Mr. Will Dodge officiated as leader, with the assistance of the pleasant hostess, Miss Villa Cuatis. The figures were unique and the fayors handsome. The following were among those present: Misses Helen Kimhali, Mollle Parker, Andrews, Boynton, Hayes, Case, Pettes, of St. Louis, and Messrs. Wishart, Dodge, Morrison, Hayes, Parker, Olds, Bradley, Fonda, and Moore.

The Round Table Shakespeare Club met last Thursday evening for the first time this season a 614 G street, and, despite the weather, all the men

Attorney General Devens last week Attorney General Devens last week brought on quite a galaxy of Boston beauties, eight in number, most of whom are his guests during the holidays. Among them were his nieces, the two Misses Devens, and Miss Davis, of Philadelphia, but who has been visiting in Boston. Another of the party and another of Gen. Devens's nieces, Miss Jennie Crocker, is the guest of the family of Paymaster Hoy, while the handsome brunette belle. Miss Hoffendahl, is the guest of Miss Palmer, daughter of Gen. Innis N. Palmer.

Miss Bessie S. Riley, who is so pleasantly membered here as the last winter's guest of Misforris, of No. 2027 I street, arrived from Alken, S last week, and is again with her friend spend holidays. Miss Morris is the granddaughte

A pleasant acquisition to naval society wil A preasant acquirition to havai society will be the family of Constructor Pooke, who comes here from the Boston Navy Yard, with his wife and two daughters, Mrs. King and Miss Pooke. This will be some compensation for the loss of the Mintonyes, who go to the Boston Navy Yard.

Miss Lillie McGrew, daughter of Hon. J idly recovering from the effects of the surgical opera-tion performed on her shoulder, which has confine her to her room for several weeks, and is expected t

Miss Nora Lawrenson, of Baltimore county ld., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lackey, of Capito Hill. During her visit of reveral weeks in the city she will divide her time as the guest of Mrs. Lackey and of Dr. Morgan't family, of K street northwest. Miss Lillian Hord, of Cincinnati, is visitng Mrs. Charles R. Fosdick, at No. 1012 Fourteent

who has been paying Miss Dallas a three weeks; visit, returned home on Tuesday. Her marriage to Mr. Dandels, of Ashland, Va., will take place early in March.

iss Namie G. Lettch, daughter of Robert T. Lettch, of Capitol Hill, to Mr. William M. Ransom, of New York, is made. The wedding will take place in Feb

Marini's Ifail Tuesdays and Friday's, is the on alian vocal teacher in the city, and comes high annualed from the Baltimore Peabody Institute. Miss Mamie T. Hogg, daughter of Chief Clerk Hogg, of the Navy Department, assisted by Miss Katle Loane, of Buttimore, received yesterday at No. 1131 Fourtheath street northwest.

Commodore and Mrs. Ransom have issued cards for a series of dancing receptions on Thursday at their residence in the Boston Navy Yard, when Miss Banson is a great favorite. Mrs. William Dickson chaperoned a party of ladies to the Wednesday matther at the Nationa art week. The party was quite large and occupies on of the boxes.

It is understood that the Hon, J. C. 5 Stackburn, who trexpected to return an Sunday night will be a companied by his charming daughter. Mi

Miss Julia Stockton, daughter of Hon ohn P. Stockton, of New Jersey, arrived in town a Friday to pay a visit to the Misses Ray. The next German of the Georgetown Mrs. Dandridge, of Winchester, Va., is on visit to Mrs. Barnes, wife of Surgeon General sames, of the Army.

Mrs. Niblack, noe Herr, of Indiana, spending the holidays with her father, A. H. Her Esq. of Georgetown. Miss Carrie Killinger, a very popula young lady of Baltimore, Ma., is visiting Miss Kati Wilson, of E street.

 Marini's monthly complimentary takes place Thursday evening. If its sure to be and enjoyable dance. Miss May Drexel, daughter of the Phila

The complimentary soirce of the Musette

was a very successful affair. The large reception half eived their friends at the Navy Yard yesterday, liss Equire leaves for Boston on Monday with be ather, who has been ordered to that jedni. The res f the family will follow later in the week. was bandsomely decorated in honor of the event, while the banquet-room was more elaborately featooned with devices of all kinds, worked with flags and evergreens. The attendance was large, the number of handsome yroung laddes being remarkable. The committee having charge of the affair, Mesars, Bruehl, Robison, Morsell, Dowden, Holmes, Diminick, Norris, and Mindleidf, deserve credit for the manner in which they catered to the confort of their guests. Among the ladies present were the Misses Miller, Danlar, Javisse, Oliphant, Hogan, Middleton, Notton, Collins, Herbert, Donnelly, Davidson, Fatsoner, Perk, Emery, Owens, Franklin, Hogkinson, Holmes, Hirs, Lind, Pavidson, Cowling, and Smith, and Messrs, Knox, Bruehl, Cosmbs, Dowden, Nally, Williams, Ellis, Dinly, Koonty, Plercy, Burns, Keyworth, Dowling, Holmes, and Brown. Mrs. Samuel J. Randall, whose health i

now restored, was assisted at the Speaker's New Year's reception by her daughter, Miss Randall, Mis Nicholson, and other ladies. lcKelden, has been ill for several days, and her pre nce was greatly missed in her father's parlor on No fear's day

Mrs. John Russell Young is very ill i A number of friends of Miss Josey Whit A number of friends of Miss Josey Whiting, daughter of Mr. A. T. Whiting, tendered her a surprise party at the residence of her father, on Pennsylvania avenue, last Toesday evening. The party gathered at the residence of one of the friends of the young lady and proceeded to her house in a losdy, and, though completely surprised at the number of the callers, the amiable hostess soon made it very pleasant for all. Dancing formed the amusement of the evening, and was participated in until a seasonable hour, when all departed much pleased with the reception accorded them. Among those present were the Misses Lilly Miller, Jessie Joyce, Nettle Simms, Gertje O'Belrine, Alice Widdicombe, Lucy Lilley, Jose Jones, and Messys, Noves, Boston, Joyce, Latimer, Cissel, Cochrane, Hills, Daval, Stockstill, Merchant, and Little.

A successful entertainment, under the Mrs. L. E. Gannon, of 1444 S steet, was saisted in receiving by Mrs. M. A. Linney and Mrs.

Miss Woodhull received with Miss C. C. Blover, noe Poor, at No. 20 Lafayette Square.

SENATOR BECK.

Discourses on Questions of National Importance—Congressional Absentee-ism the Bane of the Democratic Party —There Has Not Been a Democratic Quorum in the House During This Session-Gen. Mahone the

A Lexington (Ky.) correspondent of the

laden with the work of the little ones, (presents for their parents and friends,) together with the usual amount of toys and candles, made a very bright and pleasing sight. The exercises, consisting of kinder-garien gomes, songs, etc., were exceedingly interest-ing. Befreshments were provided by friends of the school. The pleasures of the evening were enhanced by the appearance of Mr. B. H. Stinemetz as Santa Claus, who distributed toys to the children. Articles of clothing for the children were supplied through the active benevolence of several kind friends, every child receiving a present. organize the Senate,
Senator Beck had no doubt of the authority of the
Vice-President to vote upon the selection of the officers of the Senate. He had hoped it was otherwise,
but after a careful examination of the subject he was
sure that he had the power, and no question would be
raised about it. In 1850 the same question was up.
It was upon the selection of a Chaplain for the Senate
The Senate was a tie, and the Vice-President, Mr.
Fillmore, announced that he was ready to vote if the
Senate would determine whether he had the authority.
The debate which followed was participated in by
Messrs, Clay, Calboun, Underwood, Berryan, King,
and Manghan, of South Carolina. Mr. Clay said that
there could be no doubt about his right to vote. It
was guaranteed him by the language of the Constitution. Mr. King, of Georgia, raised the question
that there was doubt about such authority, and asked
if the Senate were equally divided upon the confirmation of the appointments, whether the Vice-President
could vote. Mr. Calboun answered certainly be
could. He (Mr. Calboun) had occupied the chair
when the question of confirming the nonination of ieneral's office, was united in marriage to Miss Mary D. McArdle, of this city, sister of Dr. McArdle, by lev. Father Walter, at St. Patrick's Church, last could. He (Mr. (alhom) had occupied the chair when the question of confirming the nomination of Mr. Van Buren was up: the Senate was divided, and he gave the casting vote. The point was therefore decided at that time, and it will not be agitated now. "If, however," said Senator Beck, "The Democrats should fall to elect their Senator in Tennessee, the emergency will not arise, and the Republicans will have plain sailing. Everyhody sees the importance of that vote, and both parties will use their utmost endeavers to secure it. I do not think," said Senator leek, "that the Republicans can elect their of friends were informally present. The bride wore a bandsome travelling costume and the groom and ushers morning dress. Mr. Jennings took his final degree at the law School of Georgetown University last June, and no young couple ever started in life with brighter anaptees in the way of talent, character, and the regards and good wishes of all who know them. No. 1620 Tenth street, was the scene of a beautiful out quilet event on Tuesday last, the marriage of their laughter, Imogene, (well known for her musical talsent and beauty, it of Robert A. Phillips, one of the most popular and well-known real estate agents of this city. Owing to the recent death of the groom's only brother, only the members of the two families were present. The extension was performed by Rev. Father McCarthy, after which the bridal pair left for Northers ton. on, daughters of Mr. R. T. Heiston, entertained a num-ner of their friends at the residence of their father,

on Duntarton street, Georgetown, The gathering was nearly all young people, and their merry songs and laughter made the occasion one of great brightness. Among those present were Mr and Mrs. Lausing, the Misses Collins, Lawrence, Appleby, Wisner, Heiston, Milburn, and Messrs, cropley, Collins, Demar, Appleby, Lawrence, and Milburn. Mrs. H. Stuart, of 715 Twelfth street, has as her guests Miss Suc S. Harrett, of Pittsburg, Pa., and Miss Marnie Reid, of Steubenville, Ohlo, who, together with Mrs. J. B. Stuart, Miss Belle Vesidor, and the Misses Reid, assisted the hostess in receiving as her guests Miss Suc S. Harrett, of Pittsburg, Pa., and Miss Mamie Reid, of Steubenville, Ohlo, who, together with Mrs. J. B. Stuart, Miss fielle Veditor, and the Misses Reid, assisted the hostess in receiving their many callers yesterialy.

Lieut, James E. Kastman, Second Artillery,

Lieut, James E. Fastman, Second Artillery, was married to Miss Mary P. Mellers, of Smithville, N. C., on Saturday, December 25. The ceremony was performed in Klizebeth City, N. C., by the Rey. Mr. Klernan. No cards were issued and to teception followed the service.

The marriage of Lieut, S. N. Holmes, Thirteenth Infantry, to Miss Kate Hitchcock, took place on the evening of December 23, at Maple Terrace, near Albany, N. Y. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. T. Chapman.

The National Rifles have decided to give another complimentary dancing reception January 20; associating the latter part of February they intend giving a full-dress muform bail in order to display their new amiform.

Miss Hattie Stewart, of 1022 Eleventh street, fell and sprained her right arm while leaving her house on Christmas day, and therefore was compelled to extend her left hand to the guests while receiving yesterday.

Miss Robinson, of Philadelphia, is the

public business and an unmistakable drawback to the Democratic party.

"There are several very important measures that should be passed by this session of Congress, and we can pass them if the Republicans allow us; but if they should object, and the Democratic members show no more interest in them after the holidays than they have shown yet, nothing, of course, can be done. It is of great importance that a Democratic Congress should deal with the question of apportionment of representation under the last census. The report of the census is ready, and members will find it on their desks when they return. If Democratic Congression of the country. If it is left to a Republican Congress the South may expect that she will be deprived of her just proportion of representation.

"In addition to that, the inprovement of the Mississippi river should by all means receive attention. The East jettles, at New Orleans, have added very much to the commercial prosperity of that section. What we want now is to so improve the great water-courses that barges laden with grain may go from St. Louis, Cairo, and other points direct to the seaboard. This is the only way by which the great railroad combination can be effectually attacked, and by establishing competition, compet the vailing of the country. Just links of it. Five near—Scott, of the Pennsylvania Central; Cairrett, of the Baltimore and Ohio; Huntington, of the Union Pacific, Jay Gould, and Vanderbilt, can sit down and in five minutes' chat impose a tax of \$200,000 upon the commerce of this country by raising the freight two cents a bushel, and of it. Five near—Scott, of the Pennsylvania Central; Cairrett, of the Baltimore and Ohio; Huntington, of the Union Pacific, Jay Gould, and Vanderbilt, can sit down and in five minutes' chat impose a tax of \$200,000 upon the commerce of this country by raising the freight two cents a bushel, and it is accomed to the country. If you find them in Congress, they go to work and elect their own Congress, they go to work and elect their own

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

Sphisopielo, Mass., Jan. 1.- Frank Cole s bodier tender at the Seymour Cutiery Works at Holyoke, was scabled by escaping steam this morning and died soon after. New ORIEANS, Jan. 1.-John Williams

Birst assistant of fire-engine Creole No. 9. has die orday from injuries received by falling debris at fire here on Friday morning. New York, Jan. 1 .- Robert W. Andrews a lawyer, residing at 68 Second place. Blooklyn, and who has an office in this city, was leaving in house this morning, when he shipped and struck hi-head on the sidewali. Physicians were summoned, but he did shortly after the actidient example.

Boston, Mass., Jan. I.—In the Municipal Court this foreness, in the case of Weeks vs. T. Henry Petkins, a broker of this city, arrested a week ago on a charge of disposing of stocks deposited with him by the plaintiff as collateral for a loan, Judge Parmer held the defendant in 5. mm to appear before the grand jury best Monday.

New Yorks, Jan. 1.—Joseph W. Miline, the figitive paying teller of the Pocasset National Bankof Fali fliver, who fied from that bank in Fali River, Monday last, whom the discovery was made that he was a defaulter to the amount of 56, 500, was arrested at midnight at the St. Nicholas Hotel. He was registered as Mr. Campbell. He confessed that his peculations in the bank had extended over six years. In his possession was found 11,000. He was socked up at the pelice headquarters.

Drum, daughter of the Adminst General of the Army.

A Fencing Master's Romantic Caveer.

The lion of the hour in Paris is the Marquisor San Maiato the sicilian nobleman, who after running through his partition, took to teaching the young cention.

Lieut, and Mrs. Schroeder are in New York on a visit to the family of Mr. Schroeder.

The Misses Groff, of Q street, received numerous callers yesterday.

Miss Michler received with Mrs. Ross Ray and her daughters.

Miss Bestor received yesterday with Miss Juict Palmer.

Misses Leonora and Eunice Mintonye, daughters of Navai Constructor W. L. Miotonye, resulting the country and assault of arms on him is living the country and assault of arms on him is living the country and assault of arms on him is living the country and assault of arms on him is living the country and assault of arms on him is living the country and assault of arms on him is living the country and assault of arms on him is living the country and assault of arms on him is living the country and assault of arms on him is living the country and assault of arms on him is living the country and assault of arms on him is living the country and assault of arms on him is living the country and assault of arms on him is

SUNDAY TELEGRAMS. THREE OCCLOCK A. M.

NO. 42.

Phenomenal Cold and Its Incidents. Baltimore, Jan. 1,-The steamer D. H.

M, eighteen above zero, a change of twenty-four de-grees. The wind at 9 P. M. was from the east.

Victoria, B. C., Jan, I.—During the past week there have been continual storms of wind and rain. Communication with the interior has been inter-rupted and all public works suspended.

St. John, N. B., Jan, I.—Accounts from the in-terior of the province state that intensely cold weather prevailed. This morning at Woodstock the thermome-ter registered twenty-two degrees below zero; at Sus-sex, twenty below, and at Rothsay ten below. A man named Peter O'Hare, living near Beaver Lake, eleven miles from this city, was frozen to death last night. He has been drinking, and perished while seeking to make his way home.

Cuttaco, Jan, I.—The weather moderated very CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—The weather moderated very decidedly last night, and by neon to-day the mercury stood at about 32 degrees above zero. In sunny places, Towards evening the weather grew cooler and the air was quite nipping at midnight to-night. A similar condition prevailed in other parts of the Northwest, so far as reports have been received.

A Stock Boom Abroad.

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 1 .- The Daily Dis apital invested of \$8, 905, 625, an increase of nearly \$2,000, 600. The operatives employed for the past year numbered 17, 600, nearly 3, 600 more than in 1879. The alies amounted to \$24, 704, 892, an increase of \$1, 218, 800. All the other figures and information show an equally satisfactory state of affairs, and the Dispatch ougratulates the people on their present condition, and speaks hepetully of the prosperous outlook for the latter.

RECORD OF FIRES.

BURLINGTON, Vr., Jan. 1 .- This morning th esidence of Capt. N. B. Proctor was destroyed by tre. The building and contents were insured for 0,000, which will nearly cover the loss.

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—A special despatch to the Post from St. Charles, Mo., says the Cosmos newspaper office and Mitteberg's store were burned this morning. The less is not stated. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—The calender-roo

Ellis arrived from New York to-day and reports rough weather and high seas. On Descenter 29 War-ren Kingsley, a seaman, while attempting to light the starboard light, fell overboard and was lost. He was a native of tape May, N. 3.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 1.-The large tannery of Froske & Gallion, on North River street, was destroyed by fire this morning to the extent of \$2,500, and in stock \$15,000.

A special to the *Neutrinet* from Madison, Wis., says the Norwegian Hotel at that place was destroyed by fire to-day. Loss. \$2,500, Mrs. R. M. Miller, wife or a brower there, and child perished in the flames.

wagons belonging to one of the Mystic Mard)-tira-organizations, valued at \$5,000, were destroyed by fire in the Crescent City collon press yards this morn-

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Anniver at New York, steamship Neckar, rom Bremen; at Liverpool, steam-ship of Mas, Many Voomisus and her children, at

New Onleans, Jan. 1 .- The United States not Survey steamer Ration, though sank hear thron lie, Miss., yesterskay. She will be raised. Bosrov, Jan. 1 .- The Ennis walking match could be night with Lacoure scoring 425 and Wilmet to nites. The time of the walking was 137 hours. The telegraph brings long accounts of the

editor and proprietor of the Schula Drille Theore, and for many years past agent of the Associated Press in this city, died at his beams in Carbowylie in this county, on Thursday but, after a lingering illness.

PROVIDENCE, R. L., Jan. I.— I tward Pource, a leading increhant and business man, president of the Placent Sartemal Bane, died this afternoon, after a brief illness, of pheninchia at the age of sevenity-seven years. He was a man of large wealth and of creat influence in business eigeles.

The Tennessee Logislature Caucusing.

ON THE VERGE OF WAR. Turkey and Greece Held Back by the Other Powers.

Isomon, Jan. 1.—Renter's despatch from condaminage reports that count corri and M. Novafoil, the train and Residan Absactors, respectively as the control of the train and Residan Absactors, respectively as the region that M. Tisson, the French Ambassator to Jukey, has informed the Salizar of the arbitration to Jukey, has informed the grownment after with the other Ambassators. They recommend the atemdominant of the project in layer of direct negotiations has been direct out to the project in layer of direct negotiations has been direct and Turkey.

Artillas, Jan. 1.—The chamber of Deputies has passed on its second reading the bill granting the government account of January. During the debate of the second reading of the bill granting the government authority to draw in advance 2,000,000 trackings of the lean of 120,000,000, M. Commonlearness at the lean of 120,000,000, M. Commonlearness three that he should emission the adoption of the measure a Cabinet question. The Chamber there

Jan. 1.-Vienna and Constanti

Progress of the War in South Africa.

CAPE Town, Dec. 29,—The triumvirate have issued a proclamation defending their action and offering parsion to all opponents. They agree to retain the present officials, to admit a British Consul, and to indemnity Great Britain for her expenditures on technif of the Transvaal. The triumvirate have proclaimed marrial law. Governor Bellisirs, at Potchefstroom, is closely besteged. His position causes great apprehension here. Col. Lanyon, the British Administrator for the Transvaal, is still at Pretoria. He has been summoned to surrender. The excitement throughout Cape Colony is intense. Communication with the Transvaal, except through the Orange free State, is entirely interrupted. The Boers' account of the affair with the Ninety-Fourth Regiment is that Commandat Joulett, with a patrol of one hundred and fifty men, met the troops and requested their officers to await tid, Lanyon's orders, but the officers insisted on going on. Commandant Joulet their commander a charge, and in fifteen minutes fifty of the British were killed and many wounded, and then the remainder surrendered.

LONDON, Jan. L.—The War Office has received a

were killed and many wounded, and then the re-mainder surrenderest.
Loyboys, Jan. 1.—The War Office has received a Loyboys, Jan. 1.—The War Office has received a delegram from Fletermaritzburg, dated Dec. 31, but it gives no later news from Pretoria or Potchestroom. The garrisons of Standerton and Wakerstroom are well entrenched and supplied and confident. They have not been attacked as yet. The Boers abandoned Utresht, having offered no violence. The magazine-was broken open, but the bulk of the amountation had been removed. The British headquarters and one company of the Sixtheth Regiment, four companies of drafts, and two of mounted troops, under Sir Georgo Gulley, were to leave Natal for the front January 1. About fifteen landred troops are already on the way, with two cannon and one fasting gun. The Times despatch from Darban, dated December 11, sees the Dutchmen of the Orange free State are The Times despatch from Burban, dated December 31, says the Dutchmen of the Orange free State are greatly excited. In Cape Colony the revolt is considered a terrible calamity. The military authorities do not deem it advisable to demode Cape Town of its garrison. Sir George Celley has issued an address to the troops seeing that the stain cast upon our arms must be quickly effaced and the rebellion suppressed but he traves that the officers and men will not ratalizate for outrages and will avoid pomisting the innocut for the guilty. He charges them to remember that the locky, though misled and deluded, are in the main a brave and high-spirited people, actuated by feelings that are entitled to our respect.

LONGON, Jan. 2.—The following official despatch has been received at the War Office: Natal, December 30.—The situations in Rasmidand are inchanged. Several successful patrols and a large capture of stock have further improved the ossition in the TransVei.

The Irish State Trials.

In the law under which they are indicted to reliable their presence in the court necessary, and the case of toroion indicates that no restraint will be put upon them. It is considered probable, in view of the announcement that the Government will precede the land bill by measures of coercian, that Parnell and his colleagues will decide to attend, to oppose this policy.

The Vatican and Ireland. Lasmon, Jan. 1.—A despatch to the Lady relegrouph from Home says: In order to avoid repeti-ion and misrepresentations in regard to the state of reland in Cathodic newspapers. The Pope has requested if Cathodic journage to submit their articles on trehand

From the Parthest Northwest.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 1.—The press com-nents on the Pacine Ballway Syndicate hargain have seen generally Tavorable. The Western Union Telegraph lines within this novince became the property of the Bondinian Gov-rmment on Thursday 863.

GENERAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE. Mr. Gowen and the Beading Railway A Tragedy by Teanyson to be Pro-duced by Henry Irving-Various Eu-

A Tragedy by Tennyson to be Produced by Henry Irving - Various European Matters.

Losnos, Jan. 1.—In reference to the withdrawai of Messes. Kuhn, Loeb 2 Co., of New York, from the Reading Hailman negotiations, Mr. Gowes writes to the Tower as follows: Several days since I definitely notified the parties that the company would not require the deposit of the money for a guarantee, and could not agave to tay any guarantee commissions. It is, therefore, the company that does not require the ail of the studiestee of of the bankers, and the single-doctor will save the large commissions which therefore, the company that does not require the ail of the studiestee of of the bankers, and the single-doctor will save the large commissions which therefore and his relief to the Cup, will be presented at the Lycenn on Monday exeming. The they friture and his relien hery will sustain the principal parts.

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Philadelphia, Jan. 1 .- During the month f December 9,007,735 pieces were calcod at the inited States mint in this city, their texts value, 6,89,075,70. Of these pieces there were 276,149 agks, 897,640 buff eagles, 1,000 three-deflar pieces, nd 500,235 stated deliars.